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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF AUSTRALIANS FROM VIETNAM

1. RESPONSIVE TO URGING FROM AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON (G.J. PRICE), GOA HAS DECIDED TO REMOVE ALL OF ITS PERSONNEL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, WITH HALF DEPARTING ON APRIL 23 AND REMAINDER FOLLOWING DAY.

2. IN INFORMING ME OF THIS, ALAN RENOUF (SECRETARY OF DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) ADDED THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN ON WHICH VIETNAMESE AUSTRALIA WILL RECEIVE HERE AS REFUGEES. MEETING WITH PRIMIN TONIGHT (APRIL 21) WILL SEEK TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE. RENOUF SAID THAT WHITLAM HAS SPOKEN VAGUELY ABOUT AUSTRALIA ACCEPTING WIVES AND CHILDREN OF VIETNAMESE NOW IN AUSTRALIA, BUT HAS UNFORTUNATELY ALLOWED THIS ISSUE TO DRIFT ON UNRESOLVED TO STAGE WHERE IT WILL BE MOST DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT WHATEVER DECISION IS REACHED TONIGHT.

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